

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

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1. A method of providing audio/visual information comprising:
receiving audio/visual information in a first set top box;
transmitting the audio/visual information from the first set top box to a hand held
computing device having a memory;
storing the audio/visual information in the memory;
transmitting the audio/visual information from the hand held computing device to
a second set top box;
providing the audio/visual information from the second set top box to an output
device.
 - 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the first set top box and the second set top
box are the same.
 - 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of transmitting the audio/visual
information from the hand held computing device to a second set top box is performed in
response to the depressing of a single button on the hand held computing device.
 - 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is a video
clip.
 - 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is an audio
recording.
 - 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is an
electronic version of a book.

1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is a video
2 game.

1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the output device is a television.

1 9. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying the audio/visual
2 information on the hand held computing device.

1 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the audio/visual information is received in
2 the first set top box in an encrypted form, said method further comprising the first set top
3 box decrypting the audio/visual information.

1 11. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying a familiar graphical
2 user interface for controlling the transmitting of the audio/visual information.

1 12. A system for providing audio/visual information comprising:
2 an output device configured to utilize audio/visual information;
3 a set top box configured to:
4 receive audio/visual information;
5 transmit the audio/visual information to a hand held computing device;
6 receive audio/visual information from the hand held computing device;
7 provide the audio/visual information received from the hand held
8 computing device to the output device; and
9 the hand held computing device configured to:
10 receive audio/visual information;
11 store audio/visual information in memory; and
12 transmit audio/visual information.

1 13. The system of claim 12 wherein the set top box is configured to provide
2 the audio/visual information received from the hand held computing device to the output
3 device when a single button on the hand held computing device is depressed.

1 14. The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is a video
2 clip.

1 15. The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is an audio
2 recording.

1 16. The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is an
2 electronic version of a book.

1 17. The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is a video
2 game.

1 18. The system of claim 12 wherein the output device is a television.

1 19. The system of claim 12 wherein the audio/visual information is received in
2 the set top box in an encrypted form, said set top box further configured to decrypt the
3 audio/visual information.

1 20. The system of claim 12 wherein the output device is further configured to
2 display a familiar graphical user interface for controlling the transmitting of the
3 audio/visual information.

1 21. An article of manufacture for utilizing audio/visual information
2 comprising:
3 means for receiving audio/visual information in a first set top box;
4 means for transmitting the audio/visual information from the first set top box to a
5 hand held computing device;
6 means for storing the audio/visual information in a memory of the hand held
7 computing device;

8 means for transmitting the audio/visual information from the hand held computing
9 device to a second set top box;
10 means for second set top box to provide the audio/visual information received
11 from the hand held computing device to an output device; and
12 means for the output device to utilize the audio/visual information.

1 22. The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the first set top box and the
2 second set top box are the same.

1 23. The article of manufacture of claim 21 further comprising a single means
2 of the hand held computing device that may be depressed, said depressing activating the
3 means for transmitting the audio/visual information from the hand held computing device
4 to a second set top box.

1 24. The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual
2 information is a video clip.

1 25. The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual
2 information is an audio recording.

1 26. The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual
2 information is an electronic version of a book.

1 27. The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual
2 information is a video game.

1 28. The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the output device is a
2 television.

1 29. The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein the audio/visual
2 information is received in the first set top box in an encrypted form, said article of

3 manufacture further comprising means for decrypting the audio/visual information in the
4 set top box.

1 30. The article of manufacture of claim 21 further comprising means for
2 displaying a familiar graphical user interface for controlling the transmitting of the
3 audio/visual information.

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